

FAR EAST DISCUSSED IN SECRET

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comes into her own today. She is now given an opportunity to present her proposals, understood to be about thirty in number, for the protection of her sovereignty and her territory. The Chinese delegation, although appointed by the Peking government which is at war against the South China or Canton government, claims to represent the whole of China.

The Far East was passed over entirely in the two open sessions of the conference. Both Britain and Japan have pledged their support to the fundamentals of the naval reduction scheme, but in the case of Japan there is an interlocking of naval and Far East problems. While one phase of Japan's position has been made public the other (relating to her professed requirements in the Pacific) is not known.

Supporters of "diplomatic secrecy" declared that sudden revelation of America's specific aims in the Far East before the opinions of the foreign powers were sounded and proposals were discussed would endanger the aims of the conference. The fact that this sounding process has taken place here indicated the Far East program of the United States was not communicated to the foreign chancelleries in advance.

British Naval Experts Without Fixed Program To Amend Hughes' Plan

By H. K. REYNOLDS, International News Service.

Great Britain's naval experts are not committed to any definite program of amendments to America's far-reaching scheme for limiting the world's navies, it was semi-officially stated today at British conference headquarters.

The statement was made in connection with the meeting of the four allied Admirals—Beatty, Kato, De Bon, and Acton—under the chairmanship of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, to consider the practical application of America's proposals.

Admiral Beatty, it was said, would merely present his views as the discussions progressed, but had prepared no program and was under no instructions to stick to hard and fast principles.

Although the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour said in his speech yesterday that Great Britain might favor scrapping the submarine fleets of the world's navies, it was indicated today that there is no unanimity of opinion concerning this on the part of the British experts.



Just as there is in the American Navy, there is a division of opinion among British experts concerning the value of submarines—one school of thought holding that the battleship is "old fashioned" and powerless when confronted with the submarine menace, and another that the submarine should be scrapped in favor of light cruisers, airplane carriers and other more modern naval weapons.

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Verbal Hurricane Is France's Champion Interpreter

By International News Service.

Compared to the alacrity with which Prof. Camerlynck, official interpreter of the conference, turns French into English and back again, a whirlwind moves with the celerity of a snail.

It took Mr. Balfour, of the British delegation just thirty-four minutes to accept the American naval limitation proposals.

M. Camerlynck translated Balfour's speech into French in twenty minutes.

And with appropriate gestures.

Far Eastern Problems, "Loaded With Dynamite," Considered in Secret

By GEORGE R. HOLMES, International News Service.

While the naval experts of the great powers wrestled today with questions of naval policy and the manner in which the vast reduction program is to be applied to existing navies, the delegates of all nations turned their attention to the more delicate and controversial questions relating to China, the Pacific and the Far East.

It is freely admitted that the discussion of Far East policies is "loaded with dynamite," and for this reason the open guns will be fired behind closed doors, where the reports will not reach the ears of the public.

The full membership of the "Big Five" went into session shortly after 11 o'clock in the Pan-American building. The big bronze doors were locked and admission was denied to all, while the diplomats prepared to tackle the vexing issues involved in China and the Orient.

Later it may be deemed advisable to bring the discussions into the open, but for the present the delegates will be able to freely express their differences of opinion screened from the view of press and public.

Secretary of State Hughes has a program on the Far East, just as he had a program on naval reduction, but it seemed virtually certain today that it will not be presented in the same bombastic way. The questions involved in the Far East are officially described as being too delicate, and too prolific of heated discussion, to be given the rough-and-ready, take-it-or-leave-it handling that featured the presentation of the naval program.

Japan Has Program, Too.

Japan also has a program for the Far East, and it seems assured that the whole discussion of policies in the Orient is designed to bring into early conflict the diametrically opposite views of American and Japanese statesmen.

The exact nature of both programs is not known. It can be stated, however, that the American program has been built with the "open door" in China as the cornerstone. That is the bed rock upon which the American policy has been placed, and there will be little or no deviation from it.

FORD OFFER FOR SCRAPPED SHIPS INTERESTS NAVY

Ships, If Scrapped, Will Be Sold For Best Cash Offer, Officials Declare.

By International News Service.

If the armament conference agrees to the American proposals for naval reduction, the Navy Department will receive offers from Henry Ford and any other bidders for the purchase of ships to be scrapped by this nation, it was announced at the Navy Department today.

Happy to Receive Offers.

It is not the intention of the Administration to sink the vessels which may be scrapped but an effort will be made to get as much money out of them as possible, it was stated.

Naval officials said today that if Ford desires to show that his proposals are in earnest, undoubtedly the Bureau of Supplies would be happy to receive offers from him immediately for seven obsolete battleships which are now tied up in various navy yards.

Big Advantage For Ford.

Ford could purchase battleships for their junk value at a greater advantage than almost any other concern in the United States, it was said, as he would be able to scrap the ships on a large scale and would have an immediate use for their metal.

The sinking of the German battleships by the allies was an economic loss to the world, it was admitted by naval officials, but it was defended on the grounds that it was a great moral lesson to the world.

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Ford Offers Cash for Ships to Be Scrapped By Limitation Parley

By ALLAN L. BENSON, I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.

DETROIT, Nov. 16.—Henry Ford today authorized me to make the following sensational announcement upon his behalf:

"I will help the navies of the world at junk prices," he said, "and then turn them into agricultural machinery and automobiles. If the United States and the other powers will agree to disarm on the sea, I will agree to disarm on the land."

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Chair Chained Colonels Lead To Belief U. S. Has Huge Army

By International News Service.

Lord Riddell, of London, who represents the British press at the armament conference, is convinced that the United States has one of the biggest armies in the world.

In an informal conversation yesterday with a number of newspapermen, he ventured the assertion that Great Britain's army was small compared with that maintained by the United States.

"You have a big army, haven't you?" he inquired.

"No, someone hastily replied. "Ours is very small."

"Well," returned Lord Riddell with an engaging smile, "I was judging from the number of colonels I have met in Washington."

ship. I understand that some of the captured German ships were sent to the bottom. It is a crime to sink metal like that. The world has need of it. So please state that even though the powers should be willing only to disarm on the sea, that I will buy whatever ships they show a willingness to scrap from their navies. "Scrap Them All."

"But they ought to scrap the whole lot. There is no reason why a warship should be left upon all the oceans in the world. If these diplomats mean business, they will accept my proposition and disarm. These diplomats say they want naval force only as protection."

"Each one denies that he wants for purpose of aggression even the remnant that the Hughes plan leaves each nation. Well, if that is the case, why should not all of the governments sell their ships to me? I'll promise not to use them to fight anybody with. I'll melt up and make them into things that will make life better instead of worse."

"Put the American fleet into my hands and Japan never need be afraid of it again. Put the Japanese fleet into my hands and America need not be afraid of it. Put the British fleet in my hands and neither America nor any other nation need fear it. With these fleets in my hands no people would be taxed to maintain them. Nobody would be harmed and everybody would be benefited."

"If the powers will sell me their navies, I will help them solve their unemployment problem. The unemployment problem is going to be worse, even with the disarmament plan that Mr. Hughes proposes."

"If warships are going to be scrapped for ten years, thousands of men who are now working in steel mills and shipyards will be deprived of employment. Something should be done for these men. I will do something for them if the powers will sell me their warships. I will not only give employment to thousands more men in my tractor and automobile works, but indirectly, I will give employment to many more thousands."

"When I employ men to make a tractor, for instance, I cause employment to be given to the railway men, to the men who make the wheels for the tractor, to the men who grind it, the bakers who make it into bread, the clerks who sell it and to the drivers of delivery wagons who take it to the homes."

"It is a very dangerous thing to leave in existence any fraction, however small, of existing navies. Each of these parts, if left, will ultimately be expanded into a big navy again, and we shall have the present situation all over again. The world does not need any of these ships. I need all of them. If I can buy them, I will manufacture things that will make people happy instead of sad."

COAST GUARD SERVICE PAYS 1,000 PER CENT

For every dollar paid officers and men of the Coast Guard Service, \$11 worth of property has been saved from loss by storms at sea.

This remarkable showing is taken from figures of the guard report just made public, and does not include a large number of lives saved, or the possibilities of additional wrecks from dangerous derelicts which have been blown up or towed into ports and destroyed.

The total value of ships and cargoes saved amounted to \$66,000,000 and the salaries of the personnel is only \$6,000,000, including the cost of the cutter and beach patrol services, as well as the services rendered on the Great Lakes.

CITIZENS ASK CHANGES IN HIGHWAY BRIDGE APPROACH

Changes in the approach to Highway Bridge, so that there will be no recurrence of Friday's traffic jam were asked last night by members of the Kalorama Citizens' Association.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. Coulter Wells, first president, James W. Murphy; second vice president, Mrs. Anna E. Hendley; secretary, Edward R. Walton, Jr., and treasurer, Lawrence J. Heller.

President Wells and Edward S. Hoge were chosen to represent the association at the Federation of Citizens' Association.

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GERMANY'S SUN SINKS BEHIND ARMS HORIZON

Once World's Mailed Idol Ignored as Nation's Plot Peaceful Future.

By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART. Written Expressly for Universal Service. (Copyright, 1921, Universal Service, Inc.)

Nothing is less dramatic than complete harmony. Yet there were elements of drama in the conference yesterday morning. If any nation present had dreamed a dream of great and increasing power that dream was ended. Those who had sat looking out over the world and coveted found themselves, with nifty obliging to relinquish their ambition and think no more in terms of the world.

The same setting as before, but with a brilliant sun; rather less tension; a slight change in the seating, with Briand at the top of the table, beside the American representatives; more women, and attention which on Saturday was focused on Mr. Hughes now directed toward the British and the Japanese.

Mr. Balfour rose. He spoke with his peculiar halting delivery, and for a time it seemed that he might be softening the blow of a refusal. He was the "first" to take up the challenge. "The secret has been admirably kept. When the blow fell—" He spoke of Great Britain's necessities, and our difficulty of understanding her position; compared with our own immunities of her situation, however.

For a moment or so things looked ominous, but it developed that this was Mr. Balfour's method of keeping good news to the last; that Great Britain meant to accept, and that she would go even further, and suggest a still greater reduction in submarines of a size for offensive purposes.

The Proxy Orator.

He sat down and the interpreter proceeded to translate his remarks into rapid French. The interpreter is the one consistently busy man in the conference. At the end of every speech he rises, like a jack-in-the-box, and repeats in French the words he has just taken down. He is no mean orator himself. He makes it very real, adds gestures, is for the moment the speaker he is repeating. Had he not said a word in his hand he would undoubtedly have clutched at his lapels in the Balfour manner, when he translated the Balfour speech.

Admiral Kato rose and commenced to speak. There was a general bending forward, amid complete silence. But immediately it was clear that his English was practically unintelligible. Ah, but wait a moment. Was it English? It was not. The admiral was speaking in Japanese. A general subsiding back into chairs, and the low murmur of talk which comes with every lapse into a foreign tongue.

His statement was brief, and the Japanese interpreter rose. He rendered the statement into distinct, rather staccato English, and the definiteness of that statement lost nothing by his delivery of it. The Japanese disclaimed any desire toward aggressive warfare. They recognized the superior right of Great Britain and America to a larger percentage of naval armament, and Japan, too, stood ready to sign on the dotted line.

From Japanese to English to French was the way M. Briand received that message.

Among Those Present.

So it was done, and aggressive warfare is a very low state indeed to speak of about to die, unless the physician experts who are called in to disagree, in which case the patient may get well again.

Outside of the pregnant facts of Japan's and Great Britain's acceptance, the interest yesterday lay largely in the colorful assemblage. In the white-haired and fine-faced Chinese, who evidently understood French, and Japanese, and who nodded at each vital point in every address. In the representatives of the London Daily News on my right, who wrote cable-

Two Women Named By WIFE IN DIVORCE SUIT

Naming two correspondents and alleging misconduct, Mrs. Catherine E. O'Neill today filed suit in the District Supreme Court against James E. O'Neill for absolute divorce and alimony.

The wife, represented by Attorneys Francis L. Neubeck and George P. Hoover, also asks that a receiver be appointed to take charge of funds on deposit in the name of defendant in the National Permanent Building Association and to determine the ownership of the money.

The couple were married in this city April 18, 1899.

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MILWAUKEE, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Edward H. Piszczek smiled happily. "Business," she said, "was simply immense."

Mrs. Piszczek owns a drugstore, and it was there yesterday the first line formed at the right for medicinal beer.

Jake Schneider, an invalid of singular cheerfulness, was the first patient in the United States to receive a twenty-four-bottle case of real beer. The price was \$5.25.

Behind Schneider was a line of ailing who, despite their infirmities, showed considerable alacrity in pushing forward with their prescriptions.

When the supply ran out thirty-five persons holding prescriptions and who had been partly convalescent until informed "That's all there is; there won't be any more," seemed on the verge of complete collapse.

grams steadily in a neat hand with a fountain pen and passed them back over his shoulder. On General Pershing's occasional smile, and the strained enthusiasm of young Theodore Roosevelt. On the intent faces of those Americans who knew more or less French and were seizing the opportunity to test what they had. On the Japanese correspondents, taking down in easy shorthand the speeches in English. On a woman in heavy black, who wept because all this had come too late. On Briand, with his leonine head, his restless eyes moving about the hall, his ruddy flush and, when he rose to speak, his easy, fluent oratory.

Like Lloyd George, M. Briand for all his great political wisdom has achieved his great popularity, not so much through his head as through his heart. Jussarand, to his right yesterday, is the purely intellectual type, but Briand has emotions, intuition. It is plain that in view of France's situation he is watching the conference with a certain uneasiness.

Germany Ignored.

But one thing is noticeable and amazing. Not once since the conference opened has Germany's name been mentioned. The omission is not intentional. Germany simply does not count. She was, and she is not. A few years ago, and Germany, could she imaginably have been present, would have dominated the assemblage. It was her change of front during the peace conference of 1899 that made the efforts of that conference negligible, and the emperor's refusal at the conference in 1907 to allow disarmament to be discussed at all that again made it a lost cause.

Today she is not only absent; not only ignored and forgotten. She is, at the present moment, negligible. Failure is forgotten. Only success lives.

Peace is never as spectacular as war. To many of the onlookers in the gallery this conference is chiefly interesting because of the dramatic personae, the great folk down below. They are watching a play, where all the actors are stars, and where the lines shall be immortal. But they are seeing a stranger thing than they know. They are seeing peace translated into action.

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To Raise Rum Sale Limit. LONDON, Nov. 15.—A movement is under way in England to prohibit the sale of all intoxicants to any person under the age of eighteen years, instead of sixteen as at present. A petition to that effect, signed by teachers, has been presented to the Home Secretary.

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